

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Wilson to Resume Parties At White House

MRS. WILSON seems to be making her hospitable most of the weeks that are left at the White House. And her luncheon on Thursday in compliment to the ladies of the diplomatic corps was the nearest thing to a function which has taken place at the White House since the days before the President's illness when Washington was busy entertaining for "foreign missionaries."

EMBASSY SOCIETY WAS WELL REPRESENTED.

The chateaufaine of each embassy and legation accredited to Washington was present, from Mme. Jusseland, wife of the acting Secretary of State, down to little Miss Schwegel, daughter of the Minister of Spain, and Mrs. Colby, wife of the Secretary of State, and Mrs. Norman Davis, wife of the Acting Secretary of State, headed the list of the diplomatic corps. Mrs. Colby has been singularly privileged, for she was naturally present when Mrs. Wilson entertained the ladies of the Cabinet at luncheon last week and she "sat in" again on Thursday by virtue of her close association with the diplomatic corps.

Mrs. Wilson seems to have divided up the members of her family between the two parties, for her mother, Mrs. William H. Bolling, and Miss Bertha Bolling were guests at the first luncheon and at the second Mrs. Rolfe Bolling and Mrs. Alexander Hunter Galt were "among those present." Like Mrs. Colby, Mrs. J. M. Helm, formerly Miss Edith Benham, was present at both luncheons. During the several years when Miss Benham was Mrs. Wilson's social secretary, the acquaintance between the two women ripened into a warm friendship and Mrs. Helm seems to be with Mrs. Wilson almost as much as she was in the days when she was "officially" connected with the White House.

Although she resigned her post as social secretary on her marriage to the distinguished sailor who had wooed her for so long, no successor has been appointed and I shouldn't be surprised if she continued through friendship and affection to discharge certain of the duties of a social secretary. Of course, those duties have not been so heavy of late as they were before the President's illness reduced the participation of the White House in social events to a minimum.

MRS. WILSON ATTENDS CONCERT RECITALS.

Mrs. Wilson continues to be faithful in her attendance at concerts. She never misses a Philadelphia Orchestral



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Theater, with "Cousin John Wilson," of Franklin, Pa., as host. Despite their disappointment that the incoming President and the First Lady cannot be induced to attend preparations for a great charity ball on the evening of the inauguration day are going on apace and the committee is confident that it can be made a great success. The governors of the various States are to be invited to attend and the organizers of the ball are confident that they can gather in a Cabinet officer or two. Besides there are certain to be many strangers in town who will welcome any sort of diversion in the evening and who will be only too glad to help swell the coffers of one of the most appealing local charities.

MANY DINNER PARTIES DURING PAST WEEK.

Dinner parties occupied their usual important place in the scheme of things last week, one given by the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall—last night—and several for them being perhaps the most important. The dance at the Chilean embassy was small but distinctly smart. The army dance at Rauter's on Friday night brought together its usual pleasant assemblage, with "the military" predominating, and a number of dinner parties were given beforehand.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker were present at this dance, and on Thursday night Mrs. Baker was in the receiving line—and occasionally on the floor, as is her wont—at the international ball of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. In answer to a gushing question as to what she, a Cleveland woman of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, was doing prominently displayed at a U. D. C. ball, she laughed and said that she was not born to the U. D. C. but she had married into it. "Father

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MISS GRACE AVERILL.
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Averill, whose engagement to Stewart Wirginan is announced today.

MISS MARGARET YOUNG.
Who has been visiting Miss Nina Gore and having a taste of society in Washington for the first time.

MISS MARGARET DEEBLE.
Youngest daughter of Mrs. W. Riley Deeble, who is a recognized belle and pretty to boot.

MISS NINA GORE.
Young daughter of Senator and Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, a sub-deb who has been having a great deal of fun this winter.

MISS PRISCILLA HUSTED.
Daughter of Congressman and Mrs. James W. Husted, who is numbered among this season's debutantes.

tra nor a New York Symphony concert and she had a box on Monday for the La Scala Orchestra's concert at Poll's—perhaps the most significant musical event of the present season. That day Mrs. Wilson had the Charge d' Affaires of Italy and Mme. Brambilla with her, as well as Mrs. Henry F. Dimock and two of her brothers, Mrs. Marshall, wife of the Vice President, was just over the way with Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were present, with their visiting lion—British lion, the young Marquis of Carisbrooke—and, on the whole, the audience was one of the most brilliant which has turned out this year.

It was like Mrs. Wilson to ask the Brambillas to be her guests on an occasion when their great countryman, Arturo Toscanini, was conducting, and it is just such graceful little attentions that have endeared her to the people with whom she has been associated since she found herself in the fierce light which beats upon the White House.

ITALIAN EMBASSY STAFF AT CONCERT.

The Italian embassy was naturally numerously represented on this occasion, and the Brambillas attended the second concert on Wednesday after having entertained at luncheon with Signor Toscanini among the guests. Toscanini, there's an artist for you! And what a marvelous instrument, responsive to his every look, he has perfected from that mammoth orchestra. It struck me that the brasses and the winds were rather more subordinated to the strings than is the case with most of the fine orchestras to which we are accustomed, and in some of the heavier music I rather missed their fine sonorous background. Perhaps this was because the stage was open at the top and

some of the volume was swallowed up. However that may be, I have never in my life heard such richness, such color and such exquisite shading as the Maestro put into the softer passages and the unity, the smoothness of the ensemble work was something to dream about.

At each concert Toscanini roused a proverbially cold Washington audience to a genuine pitch of enthusiasm. And one hopes that the generosity of their applause made up in some measure for their bad manners—also proverbial with Washington audiences. They arrived late, and each afternoon the first number was seriously marred by the clatter of seats, the rustle of programs and the perfectly audible conversation which went on all over the house while the late comers were being comfortably seated.

Part of the trouble is due, of course, to the fact that a large percentage of a Washington concert audience is chained to its desk until after 10 o'clock, the hour at which the program commences, and needs must come late or not at all. When will we have a proper music hall, where acoustics will cease from troubling and where concerts can be given in the evening and amid inspiring surroundings?

BRAMBILLAS WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON FOR ROME.

The Brambillas, by the way, are due to leave Washington about February 10 and are bound for Rome to remain until Mr. Brambilla is appointed to a new post. Mrs. Brambilla's mother, Mrs. George von Lengerke Meyer, has not yet decided whether she will join them later or whether she will stay on here indefinitely. It all depends upon

whether she can sublet the beautiful big house, 1725 Q street, just over the Q street bridge, where she and the Brambillas have been sharing this winter.

The Marquis of Carisbrooke slipped into Washington almost as quietly as he had slipped into New York a few weeks ago. But royalty is royalty—rather more so here than in monarchical countries—even when traveling incognito, so to speak. And as soon as it leaked out that he was here, this brother of Queen Victoria of Spain and grandson of Queen Victoria of England, everybody started in to make memorabilia of his all-too-brief visit to Washington. Hostesses even went so far as to rearrange their carefully thought out social programs in his honor.

Lady Geddes, who was booked to dine with Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell, canceled her engagement at the last moment in order to arrange an important dinner at the embassy for the visiting royalty. This left Mrs. Bromwell in the rather unenviable position of presenting "Hamlet without Hamlet," for the dinner was given in honor of the Geddeses and the ambassador had already been forced to withdraw since he was called home for a conference with the Prime Minister. However Lady Geddes made the amende honorable by asking Mrs. Bromwell to bring her entire party to the small reception which followed the hastily arranged dinner at the embassy and consequently the dinner, which began with a disappointment, wound up in a very interesting fashion. Guests from the dinner which the Brambillas gave for the Hon. Mrs. Erskine, wife of the British Minister to Cuba, also attended the reception.

With the guests at the embassy dinner and a few outsiders this brought the little company up to about fifty. The Marquis of Carisbrooke, as you doubtless know, stayed with Congressmen and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who had met him when they were on their wedding trip and were being entertained by various European royalties. They gave a party in his honor, with music to follow, and a luncheon at the Spanish embassy and Mrs. Marshall Field's breakfast party were other pleasant festivities in his program.

Mrs. Field is a most hospitable person and whenever there is a "distinguished visitor" in town she is wont to entertain for him, or her. Moreover, she is always doing something a little bit out of the ordinary. This week, for instance, on Thursday, to be exact, she will give a buffet luncheon for the entire personnel of the Chicago Orchestra, some ninety strong. The party will precede the concert which the organization is to give at the National Theater, with Frederick Stock conducting and Philinda, one of the numerous young violinists who have recently sprung to fame, as the soloist.

MRS. FIELD WILL DINE FAMOUS ORCHESTRA.

The late Marshall Field was one of the founders and most generous supporters of the orchestra, so Mrs. Field comes naturally by her interest in the organization. Mrs. Frederick A. Delano is another prominent Washington hostess, who is among the patronesses as her husband is a director. I'm told that

the orchestra has played in Washington before, but so it was long ago and not many of the present generation of music lovers here have had opportunity to hear it except possibly under its own vine and fig tree. The Chicago Orchestra, which was trained by the late Theodore Thomas, is one of the older musical organizations and it is said to be so fine that its debut in Washington is awaited with almost as much interest as the first concert of the famous La Scala Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry White blew into Washington early in the week and although they went back to New York yesterday they were here long enough for a good many of Mr. White's old friends to extend a hearty welcome to his bride. They are keeping their Washington home open and ready for occupancy whenever the spirit moves them, but they don't seem to be able to tear themselves away from New York for more than a few days at a time. Mrs. White was a guest at Mrs. Wilson's luncheon on Thursday and that evening she and her husband dined with Mrs. Richard Townsend.

MRS. COLBY HONOR GUEST AT MRS. TOWNSEND'S DINNER.

Her dinner was "to meet the Secretary of State and Mrs. Colby" with Mrs. Colby functioning as the lone honor guest since the Secretary is not yet back from his journey to South America. Mrs. Townsend will give a dinner for the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall on January 29 and on February 12 will give her annual ball in celebration of the birthday of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Goellet Gerry. Mrs. Townsend has not missed giving this ball each year since Mrs. Gray was a little girl, although during the war it was reduced in size and less formal in character, and it is always one of the important events of the season. Invitations are few enough to be greatly treasured and happy, indeed, the debutante who is included among the guests.

Washington has seen so little of the Whites since their marriage that they may well be classed among the visitors from other cities whose presence has contributed so much to the gaiety of nations the last week or two—the Marquis of Carisbrooke, Toscanini, Miss Frances Ross, the busy of her sister, Lady Geddes; Miss Emma Lansing, who is passing the month of January with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing; Mrs. William Rogers and Miss Susan Rogers, who came from Boston to stay with Congressmen and Mrs. Richard Olney; the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick and Mrs. Puxley, who were at Wardman Park Hotel for a few days, and so on down the line.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell has been here, engineering a "drive" for the hard-pressed people of Labrador and Newfoundland; and Winifred Holt has been here engineering a drive for more "sight seeing" for the blind, especially for the war blind in France. Also Ernest Thompson Seton and Mrs. Seton have been here—and each one of these has been more or less socially and given a helping hand for whatever they had most at heart.

KATHERINE MACKAY MUCH FETTER VISITOR.

Miss Katherine Mackay, daughter of Clarence Mackay, of New York, is another much fettered visitor, and then there's the little group of girls who are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Oxnard and Miss Adeline Oxnard—Miss Virginia Harrison, daughter of the Governor General of the Philippines and granddaughter of the late Mrs. Burton Harrison; Miss Louise Branch, of Richmond; Miss Winslow, daughter of Rear Admiral Winslow, and Miss Margaret Flint, of New York, a niece of Mrs. Stephen L.H. Slocum. They are having a quite wonderful time, these young people, with Mr. and Mrs. Oxnard's dinner dance last night as the climax for the

festivities in their honor. Miss Mackay, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, and will be here until early in February, has been playing about with the house party a good deal, for she and Miss Oxnard were schoolmates, and she has had a lot of parties given for her on her own account. This is her first glimpse of Washington and she has had a royal good time.

One of the chief delights of Washington is the opportunity it gives its residents to keep up with interesting friends and acquaintances made in other parts of the country. Sooner or later everybody has occasion to drift through, either on a flying visit north, east, south or west, or perhaps settle down for a while.

Hardly a week goes by that I don't chance upon some old friends whom I hadn't seen since my school days and it is always interesting to learn what sort of a person he—or more probably she—has developed into and just what line of work he—or she—has taken. For in this day and time everyone almost, is doing something worth while and interesting.

Just a short time ago, when Miss Agnes Kendrick Gray made a visit to her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Smith—Atlanta people spending the winter at the Highlands—I had the great pleasure of renewing an old acquaintance and learning that Agnes had developed into a poet of quite some note.

I hadn't seen her since she was a tiny school girl when, with her cousin Miss Esther Smith, she was a member of the intimate little group of children who received their early education in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, in Atlanta, under the able tutelage of Miss Mary Mitchell. Miss Gray came to Washington with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Gray, from their home in Forest Hills, N. Y., to take part in the wedding of Miss Marjorie Brown and Benjamin King, and stayed for a little visit with her cousins. She hurried back to New York to assume her duties as a member of the editorial staff of a new poetry magazine which she, with a group of the poets of the younger school, expect to launch shortly. All of which sounds very important doesn't it? Especially when one considers that Agnes is hardly out of school.

The magazine is to be called the Measure, and will be edited monthly. The first issue coming out in March. It will be a journal of poetry and will compare with Poetry, published in Chicago, and is the only thing of its kind in America. The Measure will have on its staff such well-known poets as Maxwell Anderson, Padraic Colum, David Morton and six other of the modern school of poetry, who are striving to open up new phases in poetic development.

The title of the magazine is intended to suggest the disciplining of the creative imagination. "Chisel and carve and file Till thy vague dream imprint its smile On the unyielding flint."

Nothing is more stimulating to younger writers than the atmosphere of the workshop, so it is one of the aims of the publication to give that through the notes and reviews.

During the war Miss Gray was as-

sociated as assistant editor with the poetry magazine La France, now called The New France, and her translation of "Les Morts Pour La Patrie," that wonderful poem by Countess de Noailles, which was published in the magazine and which I chance to read, is beautifully done. She has an ease and grace of writing that is remarkable.

While in Washington, after a visit to Great Falls, she went home and in a few moments expressed her feelings and impressions in most appealing verse. Had I more confidence in my memory I would love to quote the verse, but don't dare.

MRS. HARDING DUE TO ARRIVE IN CITY.

For the nonce Mrs. Harding, wife of the President-elect may also be numbered among Washington's "interesting visitors." She was due to come in from Marion "Saturday, Sunday or Monday" and presumably has arrived or is about to arrive to make a brief stay here before going on to New York to do some shopping and then on down to Florida to meet Mr. Harding at the close of the fishing trip upon which he and Senator Frelinghuysen and a few chosen spirits—all of the masculine persuasion—have recently embarked.

At the moment of writing I haven't been able to discover where Mrs. Harding is to stay, but speculation ranges from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beale McLean's—but, no, Mr. McLean disclaims any expectation of having her visit them—to the Willard and out to the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stock—old friends of the Hardings—at Edgemoor, Md.—this being suggested as a spot that is a bit remote. There is also a possibility that Mrs. Harding may go to her own house in Wyoming Avenue. It is to see about the disposition of this house—to pick up the old and ends, back up the new, and possibly if it is to be rented, as has been suggested, to the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge, or to attend to putting it on the market if it is to be sold, that Mrs. Harding has come—or is coming—to Washington.

It is said that Mrs. McLean will accompany Mrs. Harding to New York and there is also a story floating around, but rather elusive, to the effect that the McLeans have a cottage at Palm Beach and will entertain the Hardings there a little later on. The "official dope," however, seems to be that Mrs. Harding will settle down at a hotel at St. Augustine on the completion of the President-elect's present cruise down the coast.

Another rumor that won't down is to the effect that the McLeans expect to give a big ball on March 4—a sort of private inaugural ball and presumably are counting on having the newly inaugurated President and his wife among their guests. I don't believe they would attend any such function, however, since they have "regretted" for the ball to be given that night for the benefit of the Child Welfare Association on the plea that having called off the inauguration festivities, they could not properly accept. It may be remembered that Mr. Wilson—the President having banned the ball—were entertained at the theater following the President's first inauguration. A double box party it was for the performance of "The Pink Lady" at the old Columbia

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